

# COVID-19 Press Conference

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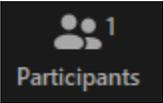
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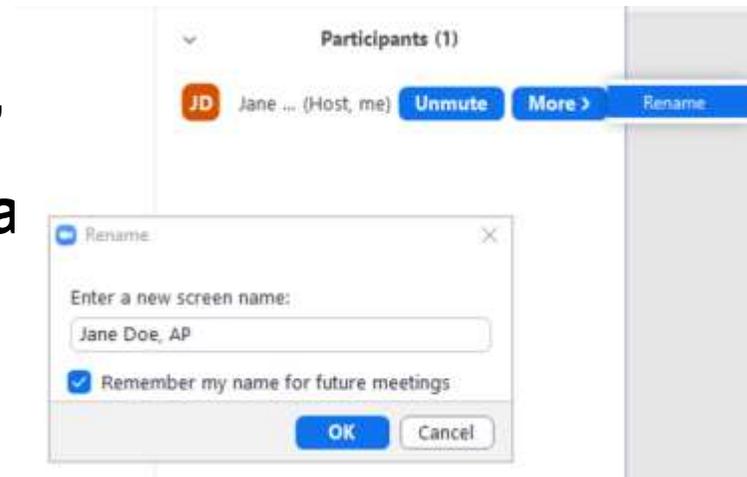
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# Zoom Information

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- Click on “More” then on “Rename”
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# How to ask a question

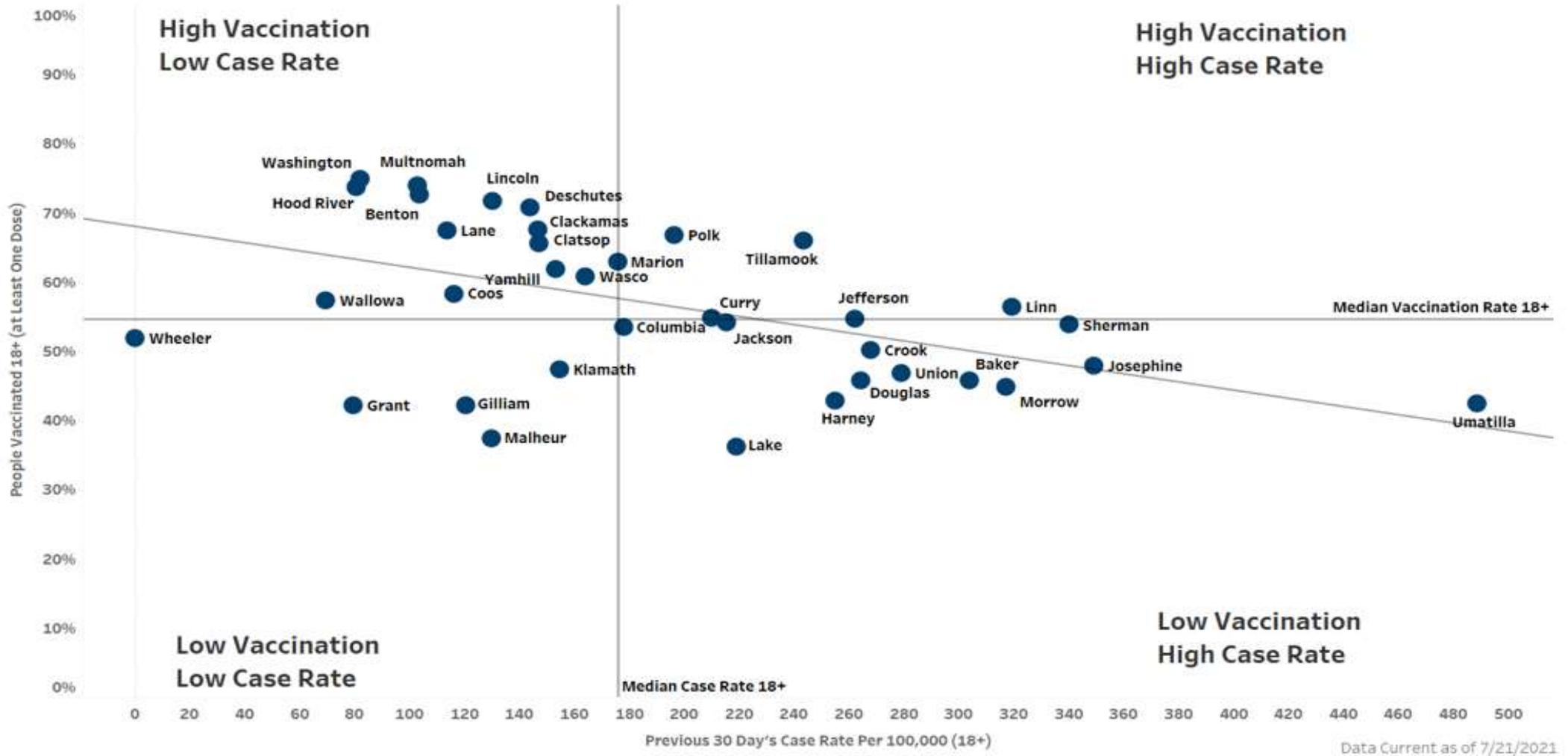
Though members of the public are welcome to listen in on this meeting we must reserve the Q&A time for members of the media.

To get into the question queue please send a chat message using the Zoom chat feature:



When it is your turn to ask a question, the moderator will call your name and the host will unmute you.

## Oregon counties with higher vaccination rates see lower case rates in previous 30 days

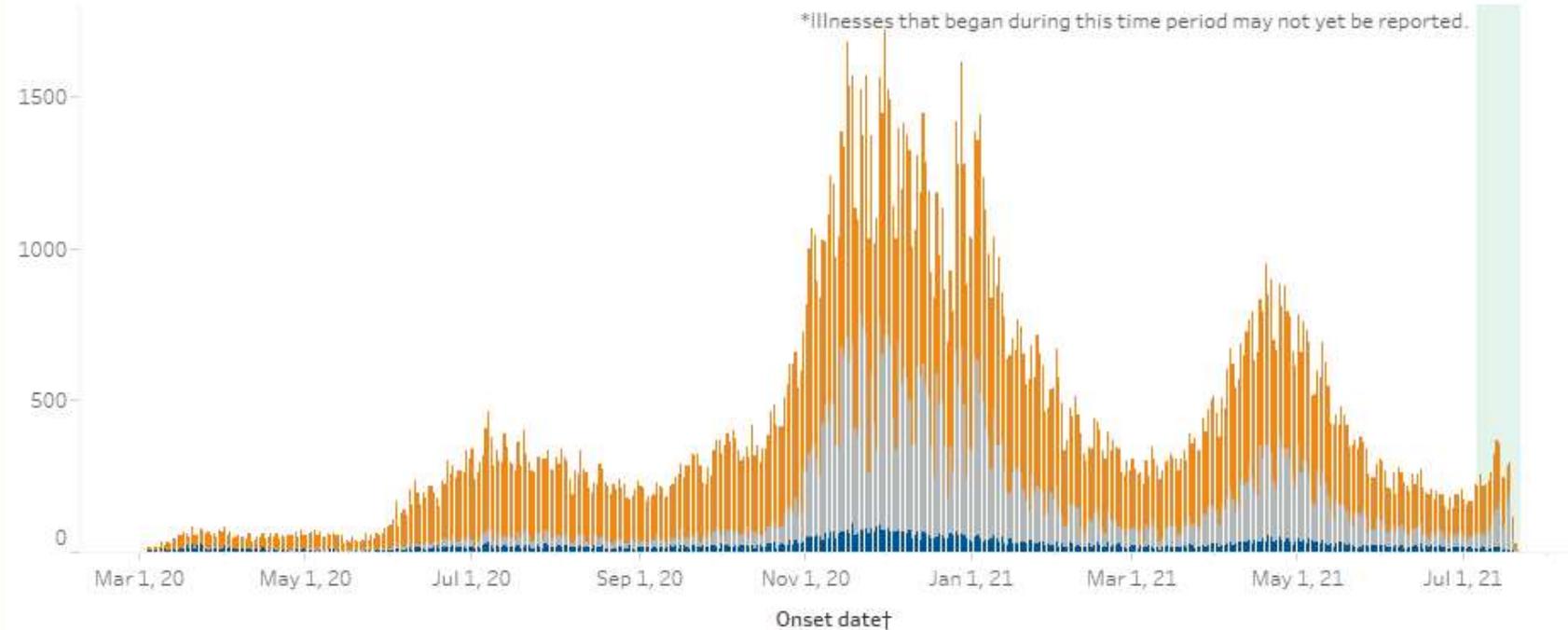


## Oregon's Epi Curve: COVID-19 cases

This chart shows the number of Oregonians who have been identified as COVID-19 cases and whether they were ever hospitalized for their illness.‡

Total Cases	Hospitalized	Not Hospitalized	Hospitalization Status Unknown
214,263	12,088	144,359	57,816

More on Opera, OHA's hospitalization data source 



**When people say we want to “flatten the curve,” this is the curve they are talking about.**

We want to slow the number of new cases of COVID-19 so our healthcare system isn't overwhelmed and can provide care to everyone who needs it. Vaccination is the safest and most effective way to stop the spread of COVID-19.

**Please note:** The light blue shaded area shows the past 17 days, and not all people who got sick during this time period have been reported yet to OHA.

# Estimated proportions of SARS-CoV-2 variants in Oregon, 2021

